(c) whether foreign companies can hold majority equity stake in Airport project and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) A Policy on Airports is being formulated which would give definite guidelines for private sector/foreign investments in airport projects. This will be made public after the necessary approvals have been obtained.

Strikes of Pilots and other staff of Indian Airlines

631.DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) how many strikes of Pilots and other staff of Indian Airlines were held during the last three years;

(b) the number and categories of persons involved in the strikes;

(c) which strikes were legal, and which were illegal;

(d) the total loss suffered by Indian Airlines due to these strikes; and

(e) the penal action, if any, has been taken against errant employees and their names?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) The number of strikes by Pilots and other staff of Indian Airlines during the last 3 years were as under:

Year	*Pilots*	*Others*
1994-95	2	1
1995-96	2	-
1996-97	1	-

(b) The number and categories of persons involved in the strikes were as under:-

Year	*Pilots*	*Others*
1994-95	170	795
1995-96	28	30
1996-97	142	-

(c) All the above-mentioned strikes were illegal.

(d) The total loss suffered by Indian Airlines due to these strikes was Rs. 413 lakhs.

(e) Disciplinary action has been taken against the following employees:-

1. Shri J.K. Bose, Dy. Chief A/c Engineer
2. Capt. Sanjay Kapur
3. Capt. N.K. Basu
4. Capt. V.M. Karnik
5. Capt. K. Patel
6. Capt. P. Mehta
7. Capt. G. Dutta
8. Capt. N.K. Dutta

नेपाल के साथ नागर विमानन समझौता

632. **श्रीमती वीणा वर्मा:**
श्री सुशीलकुमार संभाजीराव शिंदे:

क्या नागर विमानन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या प्रधान मंत्री की हाल की नेपाल यात्रा के दौरान दोनों देशों के बीच नागर विमानन समझौते को अद्यतन और संशोधन किया गया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो समझौते में क्या विशेष संशोधन किए गए थे; और

(ग) इससे व्यापार और उद्योग की मांगें कहां तक पूरी हुई?

नागर विमानन मंत्री (श्री सी॰एम॰ इब्राहीम): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) किए गए आशोधन निम्न प्रकार हैं:–

(1) प्रत्येक देश द्वारा एक से अधिक विमान कंपनियों को नामित करने का प्रावधान किया गया है।

(2) विमानन सुरक्षा के संबंध में एक अनुच्छेद शामिल किया गया है।

(3) नेपाल को भारत में दो और स्थलों के लिए अर्थात बंगलौर और लखनऊ के लिए प्रचालन करने की अनुमति दे दी गई है बशर्ते कतिपय अनुमति/सुविधाएं उपलब्ध हों।

(4) इस मार्ग पर क्षमता को 4000 सीट प्रतिसप्ताह से बढ़ाकर 6000 सीट प्रति सप्ताह कर दिया गया है।

(ग) संशोधित करार दोनों देशों के बीच विमान सेवाओं के विस्तार में कारगर सिद्ध हुआ है तथा इससे द्विपक्षीय व्यापार और पर्यटन के संवर्धन में सहायता मिलेगी।

Growth of Air cargo of major Airports of Gujarat

633. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the target and actual growth of Air cargo at main and major Airports of Gujarat during each of the last three years and reasons for shortfall of and growth projections for the next five years;

(b) the steps taken/proposed to handle growing Air cargo traffic particularly in regard to expansions and modernisation of infrastructure facilities and introduction of automation etc.; and

(c) the estimates of investment required for strengthening/expanding infrastructure network to harness growth potential in air cargo for the next five years in Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) Information is being collected.

Flying Returns Programme of Indian Airlines and Air India

634. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether under the present Flying Return Programme of Indian Airlines and Air India there is no need to post the vouchers to the Membership Service Centre;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the fact that several persons have complained that their mileage points have not been credited in their statement; and

(c) if so, steps being taken to improve state of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The following steps have been taken in this regard :—

(1) Air India has introduced a new system which has simplified the procedure of accrual of mileage points;

(2) Staff strength and infrastructure of the Member Service Centre has been enhanced.

(3) Partnership/Marketing alliances have been entered into with American Express, ITC Welcome Group, Hertz, Car Rental and Global One, whereby members enhance their opportunities to earn mileage points.

(4) Air India has a plan to set up Member Service Centres in other cities in India.

Mangalore Airport Complex

635. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing Mangalore Airport Complex is totally inadequate to meet the growing passenger traffic;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to enlarge the terminal building with a view to providing better services and amenities to the passengers; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal, the financial implications and the targeted date of completion?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) to (c) During 9th Five Year Plan period, AAI has plans to construct a new Terminal Building and a new runway at Mangalore airport for operation of AB-320 class of aircraft and construction of a semi-permanent building to cater to the needs of international passengers. Detailed estimates